## WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

## WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5309

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 9, 1998

Case No. AP-98-18

Application of CHIKA TRANSPORT	)
SERVICE, INC., for a Certificate	of)
Authority Irregular Route	)
Operations	)

By application accepted for filing April 3, 1998, Chika Transport Service, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed contract tariff contains a monthly rate for transportation to and from intermediate health care facilities.

Two previous applications filed by applicant covering the same service were conditionally approved in 1996 and 1997. In both instances the applications were later deemed denied pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 66 for applicant's failure to comply with the conditions of approval within 180 days.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

## THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than April 20, 1998, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- 2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than May 11, 1998, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

In re Chika Transport Serv., Inc., No. AP-97-27, Order No. 5107 (June 18, 1997); In re Chika Transport Serv., Inc., No. AP-96-16, Order No. 4880 (June 24, 1996).

3. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is May 11, 1998, and that copies must be served on applicant's representative, Joseph Swarray, 1026-8th Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director